Discontentment amongst ONGC Employees

1791. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is mass discontentment amongst employees of ONGC for alleged "misuse and abuse of the concept of modernisation" by indiscriminate contracting and sub-contracting of regular and permanent jobs leasing of equipment etc. to Private companies; and

(b) if so, the details and steps taken to examine their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b). Office bearers of the Association of Scientific and Technical Officers (ASTO) of ONGC observed one day's hunger strike on September 1, 1993 in addition to wearing of black badges by their Member Officers. The Office Bearers of ASTO also observed dharna on September 20, 1993 at New Delhi Office of ONGC.

Some of the unions observed Mass Casual Leave on November 19, 1993. But the proppsed strike of November 23, 1993 was averted at the intervention of Minister of State (Petroleum and Natural Gas).

A series of meetings had taken place between representatives of ONGC Management and ASTO as well as unions. This has led to mutual appreciation of each other's point of view and the Management's and Government's stand in the matter.

The matter is still under discussion with the employees' representatives on one hand and the ONGC Management on the other.

Decline in Production by Oil India

1792. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: the Minister of PETROLEUM NATURAL GAS be pleased to st

(a) whether it is a fact that th India Ltd. has been showing gr decline in production since it declared a Public Sector Undertak

(b) if so, what are the re therefore; and

(c) what measures Gover propose to take to improve performance of Oil India Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SA SHARMA): (a) to (c) Oil producti Oil India Limited has increased 12.71 MMT during VI Plan peri 12.89 MMT during VII Plan period targetted production during VIII period is 16.59 MMT.

Specific targets are fixed every through Memorandum of Understa to achieve the plan-wise prod targets. Oil India Limited has several short term and medium measures to improve the prod levels.

Allocation of Natural Gas to Products in Gujarat

1793. SHRI VITHALBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister PETROLEUM AND NATURAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governmen Gujarat has requested to allocate r gas for the power projects in Guj

(b) if so, the decision taken th and the quantum of natural gas available from the offshore gas field

(c) what is the quantity o allocated to Gujarat for power pr

THE MINISTER OF STATE OI MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SA

SHARMA): (a) to (c) A total of 7.55 MMSCMD of gas has been allocated to the power projects in the State of Gujarat of which 2.25 MMSCMD is to be supplied from the Western Offshore fields.

बेतिया (बिहार) में तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग का कार्यकरण

1794. **श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान**: क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग बिहार में कब से कार्यरत है और अब तक सरकार ने इसे कितनी राशि प्रदान की है;

(ख) क्या तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग को बिहार में तेल और गैस का कोई नमूना प्राप्त हुआ है;

(ग) क्या वहां पर तेल और गैस के प्राप्त होने की संभावना नहीं है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार वहां पर तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग के कार्यों को कब तक बन्द करने का विचार रखती है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टेन सतीश शर्मा): (क) तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग बेतिया में 19.10.93 से कार्यरत है। बेतिया में 3 कुओं के वेधन कार्य पर तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग द्वारा व्यय की गई कुल धनराशि 58.79 करोड़ रुपये है।

(ख) तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग को बिहार में वाणिज्यिक खोज के योग्य कोई तेल और गैस नहीं मिली है, फिर भी मधुबनी-I में ज्वलनशील गैस के संकेत मिले हैं परन्तु वे पानी में घुली गैसें हैं जिनका वाणिज्यिक दोहन संभव नहीं है।

(ग) बिहार राज्य में अब तक वेधित 6 कुओं से संबंधित आंकड़ों से इन कुओं से तेल और गैस प्राप्त होने की किसी भी संभावना के संकेत नहीं मिलते। फिर भी भूकम्पीय सर्वेक्षण अभी भी किए जा रहे हैं और भविष्य में वेधन कार्य उनके परिणामों पर निर्भर करेगा।

(घ) उपरोक्त (ग) के उत्तर के मद्देनजर प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Privatisation of Oil and ONGC

1795. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise the Oil India Ltd. and Oil and Natural Gas Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Oman— Gujarat Gas Pipe Line

1796. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARDA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated production and shortfall of gas production in current and next year;

(b) whether the proposed pipe line to be laid between India and Oman would carry the supply of 50 million cubic meter gas per day;

(c) whether the registered demand of 240 MCMD would be met by the end of the Eighth Plan;

(d) whether Oman Gujarat pipe line gas would be distributed to the proposed pipavav Power House for which Government have made commitments in the past;

(e) what is the length of Oman-Gujarat pipe lime and the estimated cost of it

(f) whether the break-up of the cost of Oman-Gujarat pipe line which is to be shared by India and Oman has been worked out, if so, give the details thereof;

(g) what is the estimated capit